

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments submitted herewith. An Amendment and Reply submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on April 14, 2006, has not yet been considered, and the amendments have not been entered. A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2006, asserts that the Amendment submitted April 14, 2006 contains two claims numbered 48.

In response to the Notice, Applicants have cancelled the second claim 48 and added new claim 53. New Claim 53 recites the identical subject matter of the cancelled claim. No new matter has been added to the application. Applicants therefore submit that the inadvertent error has been corrected and that the claims meet the requirements for amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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